



**Message Map – 6th Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2011**

“Hope of Heaven: Paradise Restored”
Rev. Jim Wishmyer
Scripture Reference: Revelation 21

Intro

1. The Line Between Two Points: Hope & Restoration

2. Visions of Heaven

In the Garden – Creation	Genesis 1, 2
On the Mountain – Israel	Isaiah 2, 11, 65
Presence and Substance – Jesus	Matthew 1:23
Micro and Macro – Paul, John	2 Corinthians 5:17, Revelation 21:1-4
City Life and City Lights	Revelation 22

3. Additional Reflections on Heaven – Hope and Restoration

Activity
Relationships
Heavenly-Minded and Earthly Good

3. The one thing we won't do in heaven...

God's Part... forgive, makes new & holy	2 Corinthians 5:14, 17, 21
My Part... be reconciled to God	2 Corinthians 5:20
Our Part... invite others!	2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Things I'd like to remember from today:

*** INSERTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011 ***

“The mission of LUMC is to make disciples of Jesus who will live transformed lives, and who will influence their generation and the next with God's love!”

This Week at LUMC

Sunday 5/29/11

8:15 AM Traditional Worship
9:45 AM Praise Worship; Sunday school (Asb, Ed. Bldg.)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Monday 5/30/11

Memorial Day: Office Closed
2:00 PM *Prayer Shawl group (Parlor)*
7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb, 3 clsrms)

Tuesday 5/31/11

10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)
6:30 PM FPU (AG1)
7:00 PM Heavenly Ringers (Sanc); AA lit mtg (Wes)

Wednesday 6/1/11

6:30 AM Donuts & Discipleship (AG1)
9:30 AM *VBS decorating (AG)*
10:30 AM *Missions team (Libr)*
7:00 PM Chancel choir (Choir, Sanc); *Worship team (Libr)*

Thursday 6/2/11

7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc); Chorus Old Dominion (Asb); *Lay Leadership (Libr)*

Friday 6/3/11

11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)
6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Asb, classroom); Financial Peace reunion (AG1)

Saturday 6/4/11

7:00 AM *UMM Breakfast (Asb)*
8:45 AM OA (Parl)
10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)
6:00 PM *Yiouth Sunday rehearsal (Sanc)*

Sunday 6/5/11: Youth Sunday

8:15 AM Traditional Worship
9:00 AM *Children's choir (Asb)*
9:45 AM Sunday school (Asb, Ed. Bldg.); Praise Worship
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
4:00 PM *20-20 Vision team (libr)*
5:00 PM Youth end-of-year party (Asb)

Our Prayers

Healing: Anna Hough, Dick Hammond, John Laycock, Jeff Frazee, Marjorie West, Kathi Pierce, Sarah Klein, Clayton Mallery, Carolyn Kadesch, Ginny Moore, Austin Talbot, Evelyn Moxley, Alvin Moore, Shirley McDonough

Military & non-military personnel serving overseas, especially Scott Lewis whose unit is in Afghanistan, Don Lew, Jr., and Michael Luna, and Curtis Yetman recovering from severe burns received in combat.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Jim Tiffany, Jr. by Jim Tiffany, Sr.

New Member CLASS 101

The next new member class will be held on Wednesday, June 8th. We meet from 7-9 pm in AldersGate. All those interested in joining Leesburg UMC, as well as current members, are invited to attend. Topics include: Basic Christian Beliefs, Our United Methodist Heritage, History and Structure, The Meaning of Membership, and more. Get to know others who are new to LUMC while learning how to get better connected. Thanks!



New Member Class

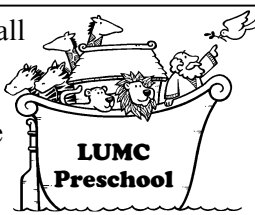
Making disciples involves “going, sharing and inviting”, or, “evangelism”. evangelize in order bring people to a place, a building, or an organization – we evangelize in order to bring others and us closer to Jesus! Be an evangelist—go, share, invite!



VBS 2011
June 27- July 1
Register Online Today!
www.leesburgumc.org

Matthew 28:19: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." We realize our Christian duty is to spread the Word; yet we realize this is difficult for most of us. **The L.E.I (LUMC Evangelism Initiative) Team** is making it easier to fulfill Christ's Great Commission and spread the Good News. Join us the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM in AG. To learn more, contact Kevin O'Neil, 703-727-1111, vistagrande@verizon.net

Preschool registration for Fall 2011 is on-going. Please call Barb at the school for an appointment if you'd like to visit. Please spread the word to neighbors and friends.



News from the Nursery”

In case you had not heard, we are moving forward with relocating our existing Nursery from the ground floor of the Education Building, to the ground floor (office/library level) of our Sanctuary Building, just off Wesley Hall. This move should be completed this summer in time for our Fall programs. As part of this move, the two offices being displaced will move upstairs in the Sanctuary Building and we will be relocating the Music Room to what was formerly the Junior High Room.

In addition, we are splitting the Nursery Coordinator position into two parts. Lisa Warf will move back to regular hours of working in the Nursery, and the administrative functions will be transferred to the Coordinator of Children’s Ministry position held by Laura Van Leliveld. If you have need of child care for any meeting or gathering at the church involving church programs/ministries, please contact Laura by phone (703-307-5746) or by email, Laura@leesburgumc.org

CHECK OUT OUR NEW-LOOK website, same address! Content is still being transferred from the old site and is a work in progress. **Note to Ministry Teams and Committees:** if you have content you want posted, please contact the Web Team to have it posted asap.

PLEASE use an offering envelope for your giving to LUMC, and write your name and what the offering is for on the envelope. **Offering Envelopes** **IF you need a box of offering envelopes, please contact Linda Stoutenburgh, our Financial Secretary.** If you forget to bring an envelope with you, or don't have a set yet, please use one of the envelopes in the pew. Thank you!!
 - Finance Comm. (& Counters)



Trail Guide -- Week of May 29-June 3, 2011

“The power of resurrection hope today”

You’re invited to use this Trail Guide as a follow-up to Sunday’s message for your own spiritual journey – or get together with others for reading, discussion and prayer together. Enjoy!

The twin concepts of hope and restoration run throughout scripture and finally converge in our Christian concept of heaven. This week, we conclude our focused reflection on the afterlife with a look at some passages that speak to our understanding of heaven. During the month of May, we’ve shined the light of understanding on some areas of our faith where there has been a lot of misunderstanding and even false representation. While we have addressed many questions, there are many more that we did not get to. If you have a particular question about the afterlife, feel free to email Jim@LeesburgUMC.org and I’ll try to answer your question, or at least point you to some helpful resources if I cannot. “May God continue to bless our reading of God’s Word” – and even more so, our *doing* of God’s Word.

Monday, May 30 – A glimpse into what heaven may be like is to turn back to God’s original intent with creation. Read **Genesis 1:28-3:19** looking for how life was originally meant to be lived, and what changed after Adam and Eve sinned. What can you infer from this about what heaven might be like?

Tuesday, May 31 – The Hebrew Prophets often painted word pictures of what life would be like when God restored all things. This restoration was associated with the coming of the Messiah; hence it is called the Messianic Age. Christians believe this began with Jesus’ earthly ministry, death and resurrection; but that the final completion or consummation will not take place until his Second Coming. These scriptures represent the prophetic vision of life in the Messianic Age. As you read them, what do they teach us about what life will be like when God makes all things new? Read **Isaiah 2:1-5, Isaiah 11:1-9** and **Isaiah 65:17-25**. Note that the prophet paints a picture of the new heaven and new earth that is based upon what he knows of this earth. How should these pictures of heaven shape how we live on earth now?

Wednesday, June 1 – Jesus Christ came into this world as the Son of the Heavenly King, and he made a way for us to enter heaven, gave us instructions on how to get there, and gave us, in his ministry and teachings, glimpses of what life is like in heaven. **Read Matthew 18:1-4.** What does this tell us about heaven, and how we might live today to prepare ourselves for heaven? What we might infer about our heavenly/resurrection body from **Luke 24:28-35, 36-43.**

Thursday, June 2 – When believers gather for worship Christ is present in our midst in a way that foreshadows heaven. Read **I Corinthians 15:35-58.** Verse 58 gives us the implication of our hope in heaven for our daily lives.

Friday, June 3 – What is the author of Revelation trying to convey about heaven by his metaphorical description. **Read Revelation 21 and 22:1-5.** How can your hope in heaven positively shape your Christian life and faith today? This life is the journey that has heaven as its final destination. Are you preparing for heaven now? How?

Saturday, June 4 – Pray for those who have no hope of heaven, nothing to look forward to, and no sense that God is present with them in this life. Pray also for our youth as they prepare to lead worship next Sunday

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; whoever hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with them and they with me." - Revelation 3:20

This little "house" to the right has a door with no door handle on the outside - it can only be opened from the inside. Imagine this house represents a person's life, and the figure at the door is Jesus knocking, hoping the person will open and invite him in. If this house was your life, where would Jesus be in the picture?

- Enjoying a meal with me*
- Still knocking at the door*
- Just crossing the threshold*
- I'm not sure...*

(One thing's for sure—he hasn't given up knocking!)



Christ will only enter one's house (life) by invitation. Check out "My Heart, Christ's Home" by Robert B. Munger - www.gtpres.org/My%20Heart%20Christ's%20home.pdf

Our Communion Offering in June will be designated and dedicated for our church's offering at the Virginia Annual Conference, June 15-19. This year's offering will support mission projects with our mission partners in Brazil, Mozambique, Roanoke (VA), and on the Eastern Shore of Virginia (where Rev. Wishmyer began his pastoral ministry, serving four years with the then-named Hallwood-Sanford-Saxis UM Charge). You can read more detail about these mission projects at the Virginia Conference website, www.vaumc.org/ac2011, and scroll down to "Conference Offering". Thank you for your generosity and heart for missions!

Parade Organizers Wanted!

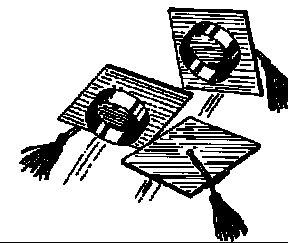
LUMC plans to participate in the three Leesburg parades in 2011: Fourth of July, Halloween and Christmas. We are seeking a church member to serve as the coordinator for each of those parades (one coordinator per parade).

Interested members should contact Kevin O'Neil at 703.727.1111 or vistagrande@verizon.net

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will meet **Monday, May 30, from 2 to 4 pm** in the Parlor. No reservation necessary, just come with knitting needles, crochet hook, or scissors and participate in this special care group.

GRADUATION

We're approaching Graduation time again! We would like to recognize our church members who are graduating from High School, College and Graduate School. Please contact the church office (email, letter, telephone) with the following information: Name of church member who is graduating, school/college/university, degree, and contact information (address, phone and email). Thank you!



If you have a problem with alcohol, there is help.
540-667-0322 or 1-800-835-6130
www.AALoudounDistrict10.org

The Old Stone Church Foundation Memorial Brick Prayer Garden

A commemorative Prayer Garden will be constructed on the site of the Old Stone Church, the first Methodist-owned property in America. For a tax-deductible gift of \$50, a commemorative brick will be engraved with an inscription of your choice. The engraved bricks will be placed in the prayer garden and will serve as a lasting tribute to those you honor. Forms to submit text and place an order for the bricks are in the literature rack in the elevator lobby near the church office.



Our next blood drive will be Saturday, June 11, 9 am to 2 pm, in Wesley Hall.

Contact Dewayne Leslie to sign up.



CHECK THE CALENDAR!

LUMC facilities get a lot more use than you may be aware of. If you want to have an impromptu, unscheduled meeting – especially if you need to use Wesley or Asbury halls – be sure to check the weekly calendar posted by the office door before you get started.

To schedule a room, please call or email Linda Stoutenburgh in the church office. 703-777-2056, office@leesburgumc.org

The Leesburg United Methodist Men's Club will meet on Saturday June 4th. from 7:30 to 9:00. Breakfast will be served. Please attend!

Items needed for Vacation Bible School

If you have access to any of these items, please bring to the collection bin in Asbury Hall – no later than June 19 (unless otherwise indicated). Thank you!



- Magazines with pictures of food and kitchen things. Like Better Homes and gardens
- Newspapers (to put inside the shopping bags so the pens don't go through to the other side)
- jars of regular applesauce
- matzo crackers (need 100)
- play dough – need 240 small, party-sized
- disposable salad tongs – need 20
- assorted plastic fruits and vegetables
- artificial flowers
- large appliance boxes
- cloth tablecloths (any color)
- artificial branches
- twine
- paper raffia
- 500 3 oz. paper cups
- Kellogg's pre-packaged Rice
- Krispy Treats (plain)
- regular Cheerios
- plain M&M's
- Pillsbury crescent rolls (please leave in a marked container in the fridge in Asbury)
- small cocktail wieners (please leave in a marked container in the fridge in Asbury)
- regular Cheez-its
- mixed fruit cups (single serve)
- apple sauce cups (single serve)
- peach cups (single serve)
- apple juice
- white grape juice
- V8 Splash – Berry Blend

Following items to mark your name clearly for return. Please bring to and pick up from the AG by July 10.

- card tables (need 10)
- clay chiminea

Snack Items: Please, only bring requested items. When feeding 250 people, it is vital that we have the same ingredients for making large quantities of snacks. Please check all dates on items to be sure they are good through July

1. Thank you!

- napkins
- paper towels
- small paper plates
- 5 oz. paper cups
- regular Skittles
- mini marshmallows
- Raisins
- regular Goldfish

The following items are needed for Decorations. For questions specific to these items, please contact Laura van Leliveld at lelivelds@comcast.net

- Apple baskets
- Wooden Crates (like would hold vegetables)
- Fruit containers
- Metal stools (like in a diner)
- 4 cans brown spray paint
- 7 rolls of red/white checkered tablecloth material (available at Party City)
- Small baby pool (inflatable or hard plastic)
- Decorations with Chinese feel (Wok & Roll Music room)
- Recycled newspaper
- Large pieces of felt or flannel (any color)
- 1 gallon brown paint (any shade)

Mission Trip Supplies

Did you know that we have 23 youth and several adults going on a mission trip this summer? They will work very hard for a full week in the Blacksburg/Christiansburg area to fix up homes of families in the area. You can help out by providing some supplies for the trip.

**Supplies needed for
SPY—Summer Project Youth
Summer Mission Trip
Please bring in to Wesley Hall
by July 5. Thanks!**

- Gatorade (5 cases of individual bottles)
- Fruit snacks (150 individual packets)
- Granola bars (150 individual bars)
- Chewing gum (50 packages)
- Water bottles (6 cases of individual bottles)
- Sunscreen (9 spray cans)
- Bug repellent (9 spray cans)
- Paper Towels (9 rolls)
- Cookies (can be individual packages, homemade or large packages)

Can You Help?

Health Kits for UMCOR

LUMC Missions Team is challenging our congregation to assemble and donate **300 Health Kits** by June 5th, to be delivered to the meeting of the VA Annual Conference in Roanoke, June 15. Kits will be collected from United Methodist Churches across Virginia and will be sent to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) and be distributed nationwide. Place all items in a sealed 1 gallon sealable plastic bag (eg., Ziplock). Please include the following:

- **1 hand towel 15" x 25" to 17" x 27"**
Please: no cleaning and microfiber towels
- **1 washcloth**
- **1 comb**—comb needs to be sturdy and at least 8" long
no pocket combs or picks please
rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable
- **1 metal nail file or clipper**
no emery boards or toenail clippers please
- **1 bath size soap**
3 oz. and larger sizes only all brands are acceptable
do not remove from original packaging
- **1 toothbrush**
adult size only do not remove from original packaging
- **6 adhesive bandages**
¾" to 1 " size common household band aids

Please make sure that each health kit has \$2 donated - \$1 for processing, \$1 for toothpaste. Place cash or a check made out to LUMC in an envelope, and place it in the bag so it is clearly visible. We will write one check from LUMC to UMCOR to cover these costs. Kits will be collected at the Missions table in Wesley Hall. Thank you!